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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: FCC File No. SAT-MOD-20101118-00239; IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Mississippi legislature is currently in session, and I am proud to have sponsored HR 19, a House Resolution that addresses the need for increased access to wireless broadband in the state of Mississippi. Specifically, this resolution supports an expansion of mobile broadband infrastructure particularly in rural and underserved regions of the country; supports private-sector investment; and supports the possibility of integrating satellite with existing broadband infrastructure to construct a new national mobile broadband. These issues are consistent with some of the FCC's critical policy goals such as competition, rural access, and increased bandwidth, and I appreciate the FCC's attention to these matters that affect consumers.

LightSquared is the only private-sector company capable of addressing these issues with no need for government funding. Since 2001, LightSquared has been developing the technology to use its licensed spectrum to provide better access and expand infrastructure, and now, a decade later, GPS interference concerns are being raised. LightSquared has proven that they are poised and willing to address any potential issues. Just last October, they quickly and successfully worked with third-party GPS manufacturers to develop filters that enable compatibility.

The reality is that the interference issues are a direct result of GPS devices meandering outside of their licensed spectrum. FCC testing has confirmed that all of LightSquared's transmissions are within its licensed spectrum and its filter prevents transmissions from entering GPS spectrum.

LightSquared has been working with the GPS industry and the regulatory agencies since the onset. Their technology will effectively and affordably address the critical needs of increased access and expanded infrastructure, and I support their request for an expedited declaratory ruling.

Sincerely,


Representative Bill Denny
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